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Preface

This guide lists and annotates the most important resources for the study of Africa. It is intended for students, teachers, librarians, casual inquirers, and serious researchers who are delving into unknown territory. It covers reference works dealing with the entire African continent. Most titles are in English.

Research was done at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign, and through interlibrary loan for the few titles not locally available. The UIUC Library is the largest public academic library in the United States. Its Africana collection is one of the best in the United States and in the world, and therefore a most appropriate venue for the research for this volume.

The arrangement provides user-friendly access to different types of reference works and subject surveys. Although most of the titles relate specifically to Africa, we also provide many general sources with international coverage. These general works are likely to be in smaller libraries.

This work grew out of a graduate course on the "Bibliography of Sub-Saharan Africa," which was created and taught by Yvette Scheven at UIUC. The course was initiated in 1976 and has been taught formally since 1981. Ms. Scheven compiled handouts for each class, and then revised and updated them annually through 1990. The handouts were consolidated into course-books in subsequent years. Alfred Kagan succeeded Ms. Scheven on her retirement in 1992, and he has taught the course since the spring semester of 1993. While the basic concept has not been altered, there have been some necessary changes: electronic sources have been greatly expanded and North African sources have been added. The course title is now "Bibliography of Africa."

The topics varied over the years, but were always limited by time constraints. Those included here have stood the test of time and are of

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Women—Algeria—Social Conditions

Women—Education—Senegal

Women—Employment—Mali

Women—Legal Status, Laws, etc.—Nigeria

Women—Social Networks—Cross-Cultural Studies

Women—Songs and Music—Kenya

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